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MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF:

- References: a. JCS SN-8457, 24 June 1947, subject "Revision of the Charters of the JIC and the JIS."
b. CIG's acknowledgment thereof dated 8 July 1947.

1. Under date of 24 June 1947 the Joint Chiefs of Staff referred to the Director of Central Intelligence its tentatively revised charters for the JIC and the JIS and requested his comments.

2. After reference to the record of the discussions which have taken place in the Intelligence Advisory Board and the National Intelligence Authority, both of which indicate a sincere desire for some positive step to insure full coordination of the activities of the JIC and the IAB, the Director of Central Intelligence submits, attached hereto, his proposed draft of a charter for the JIC in the belief that JCS drafts do not insure the required and desired cooperation and coordination between the intelligence organizations supporting, on the one hand, the NIA (NSC) and the President, and on the other the JCS.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that the attached CIG draft suppresses the JIS, transfers most of its responsibilities to the CIG, and creates a Secretariat for the JIC to handle those matters which are considered inappropriate to the CIG.

4. It is the opinion of the Director of Central Intelligence that the adoption of the CIG draft would eliminate the danger of conflicting intelligence estimates, facilitate the establishment of priority estimates for intelligence requests to the civilian agencies of the Government competent to collect and compile intelligence data, and insure that the JCS will receive intelligence, national in scope, when it so requires it without in any way creating a barrier between its members and their respective departmental intelligence agencies which might impede the flow of strictly military intelligence.

5. With the imminent establishment of the National Security Council it is believed that the intelligence requirements of the JCS can be officially and formally established and satisfactorily integrated into the intelligence production program of the new Central Intelligence Agency.

6. The current creation within the CIG (CIA) of a special military group should also facilitate the fullest cooperation and coordination between the two entities.

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7. For the information of the JCS the Director of Central Intelligence attaches the comments of the members of the IAB on his proposed charter.



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